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ATEE SPRING UNIVERSITY 2008
Teacher of the 21st Century:
Quality Education for Quality Teaching

Riga
2008

The conference will be hosted by the University of Latvia, Riga, Latvia
May, 2-3, 2008

Teacher education Spring Universities are international educational seminars - conferences organized in the Baltic states for promoting the integration of teacher educators and researchers in these countries with the European educational associations, first of all with the Association for teacher education in Europe (ATEE), and they are run under the auspices of this association.

Teacher education Spring University has been located in the Baltics, first in Klaipeda, in 1997. Since then the conference has expanded its geograpgy becoming a truly international affair with about 15 to 20 countries represented each year.

In 2008 it is hosted by the University of Latvia, will take place in Riga, and the organizers invite teacher educators and researchers from any country to make their contribution to this conference by introducing their current research findings in the sessions of the conference. Papers revealing the conference theme only, which will meet the demands of a scientific issue, will be selected for publishing in the conference book.

Topics of the con-current sessions

The organizing Committee will be pleased to receive articles on any problem of teacher pre- and post-diploma education, especially welcome are those which deal with teachers' research competence, its development, experiences, investigation etc. This sub-theme can be contextualized with any of the proposed con-current sessions.

The list of the sub-topics of this conference is preliminary and will be adjusted to the essence of the submitted proposals, if necessary.

- Development of teachers' psychological competence
 - Improving education of pre-school teachers
 - Curricula development for the basic and secondary school teacher education (possible several sessions devoted to particular subjects or groups of subjects)
 - Teachers professional development and research competence
 - Teacher education for multicultural schools
 - Teacher education for special schools
 - Development of teachers' leadership competence
 - Comparative studies on teacher education
 - History of teacher education (invited session of Baltic association of educational historians)
 - Problems of Educational Philosophy and Sociology
- Invited sessions on a particular sub-theme are also possible

Conference structure

The conference activities consist of:

- Key-note addresses on the conference theme
- Con-current paper sessions
- Poster sessions
- Symposium on current issues on teachers' quality education

The conference working language is **English** (another language can be chosen by a concurrent session if necessary).

Conference web-site

Updated information on the conference, the proposal submission and participant registration forms as well as information on the accomodation in Riga will be available at <<http://www.ppf.lu.lv/pn>> and ATEE web-site <www.atee.org> after September, 5, 2007.

Conference organizing committee

Maureen Killeavy, ATEE president, Ireland

Indriķis Muižnieks, vice-rector of the University of Latvia, chair of the Organizing Committee

Irēna Žogla, the University of Latvia, chair of the Academic Committee

Aīda Krūze, Head of the Department of Education, the University of Latvia

Alona Rauckiene, Head of the Chair of Methods, Klaipeda University, Lithuania

Erik de Vreede, ATEE, the Netherlands

Lūcija Rutka, secretary of the conference, the University of Latvia

Submission of the papers

Proposal submission form will be downloaded and available on the updated conference web-site after September 5th, 2007.

Requirements for papers and posters, please, attach to your application for the conference an abstract up to 300 words (maximum) for preliminary compiling of the concurrent sessions (are not planned for publishing, each participant will receive attendance certificate). Closing date for the abstracts is 31st of December, 2007. The language for

the submission is **English**. Other languages should be negotiated with the Organizing committee.

On the first page, top margin 60 mm, the title: **CAPITAL LETTERS**, in the language of the text (if other than English), English and Latvian, 12 pt, bold; space between the title and the author's name is one-line interval. Author's **first and surname**, 12 pt, bold; under it *the institution of affiliation in italics*.

After one-line space the **Abstract** in the language of the text precedes the text: 12 pt, one-line spacing.

Key words: follow the abstract in the language of the text, English and Latvian.

The text: 12 pt, Single or Auto spacing. Intendation in the first line of the paragraph – 4 mm, structured - with introduction (where the aim of the research or article is clearly defined), text with **sub-titles** (all sub-titles 12 pt, small, bold), conclusions or discussion (12 pt, small, bold), the list of literature and Summary in English (if the text is in other lg. than English), entries in 10 pt.

Diagrams and drawings: Excel or wmf, bmp, tiff or pcx formats. Title of the tables and drawings: 10 pt, small letters, space between the title and picture, picture and the text is one line. Numbers in the text and pictures: Arabic, subchapters numbered by two figures (1.1; 1.2, etc).

References in the text should be presented in brackets (Brown, 2005, p. 67).

All titles should be on the left side.

In the printed copy pages should be numbered in pencil.

On a separate page, each author presents him/herself (not more than 10 lines): first name and surname, 12 pt, **bold** – degree, position, the main information on research and academic interests (according to the author's choice), addresses.

Closing date for submission of full papers is February 1st, 2008. The organizers kindly ask you to stick to this date as well as to the main idea of the ATEE – *teacher education*.

Papers should be limited to 0,5 printer's sheet (8 pages of A4 format)

The deadline for the notification of acceptance of full text of the presentation is March 1st, 2008. The selected papers will be published, and the authors will be notified about the acceptance of their papers by March 15, 2008 - the list will be published on the conference website.

Proposals should be submitted in one of three ways:

1. Electronically, by e-mail as a file attachment to the message to <ppi@lanet.lv>
2. Electronically, by filling in the proposal submission form at <<http://www.ppf.lu.lv/pn>>
3. One hard copy of the proposal and a floppy discette should be sent to: Spring University Organizing Committee, Jūrmalas gatve 74/76, room 119, LV-1083, Riga, Latvia.

Participants' registration form:

Will be available on the conference web-site after September 5th, 2007.

Registration fees (EUR 60,-: refreshments, coffee breaks, dinner on the 1st day, lunch on the 2nd day, conference programme; EUR 80,-: also selected reviewed papers in CD ROM format if one of the authors has paid).

Before March 15th, 2008	EUR 60,- or 80,- if the article is submitted for publication
After March 15th, 2008	EUR 70,-, or 90,-
On-site payment	EUR 70,-, or 90,-
Conference book on-site only, extra copies	EUR 20,- each

More information after September 5th, 2007 on the conference web-site.

Secretariat

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Conference preliminary programme (will be updated according to the proposals):

Friday, May 2nd

10.00 – 14.30 registration

15.00 – 17.00 official opening and plenary session

18.00 – lunch

Saturday, May 3rd

9.00 – 11.00 con-current sessions

11.30 – 12.00 coffee break

12.00 – 14.00 con-current and poster sessions

14.00 – 15.00 lunch

15.00 – 16.00 symposium on current issues on teacher education

16.00 – 17.00 closing of the conference

Accommodation in Riga

Individual booking via Internet is more than welcome.

Please, find information on the hotels and hostels on the conference web-site: <http://www.ppf.lu.lv/pn> - Information – Links – „i” tourist information – Meeting (moving information) – wait to catch „hotels” and click.

The conference venue is in the centre of Riga (plenary, Friday) and Faculty of Education and Psychology (con-current sessions, on Saturday), the faculty is between the centre and Jūrmala (seaside). The distance from the airport to the centre and Jūrmala (if you choose hotels there) is almost the same (might be round 10-15 EUR, night – more).

Do not hesitate to ask for more information via e-mail or phone.

Local currency and weather:

1 Lat = about 0,70 EUR. The weather usually is good, round 15 above zero. Though sometimes cheat: can be above 20 and below 10. Please, address the information web-site

The web-site will be up-dated: September 5th, 2007; October 1 st, 2007; January 5th, 2008; February 5th, 2008; March 5th, 2008.

Payment

Direct bank transfers should be made to the University of Latvia
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There also will be an opportunity to pay the fees on-site (*in very special cases*).